

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 97,078-O)**

**PATENT**

<b>In application of:</b>	)	
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<b>Gocke <i>et al.</i></b>	)	<b>Before the Examiner:</b>
	)	<b>K.R. Horlick</b>
<b>Serial No.</b>	)	
<b>10/646,397</b>	)	
	)	<b>Group Art Unit: 1637</b>
<b>Filed:</b>	)	
<b>August 22, 2003</b>	)	
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<b>For:</b>	)	
<b>Detection of Extracellular Tumor-</b>	)	
<b>Associated Nucleic Acid in Blood</b>	)	
<b>Plasma or Serum using Nucleic Acid</b>	)	
<b>Amplification Assay</b>	)	

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION  
MAILED OCTOBER 31, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed October 31, 2006, Applicants request reconsideration of their pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants set forth amendments to their claims beginning on page 2. Applicants' remarks begin on page 9.